



~~In re~~ Application of: **Welcher et al.**

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Five-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed May 6, 2003. A check in the amount of \$2,010.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), is attached. Applicants note that Notice of Appeal from the second rejection of Claims 1-20 in the Official Action mailed May 6, 2003, which Applicants hereby withdraw, was received by the Patent and Trademark Office on November 10, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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